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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Social workers are highly skilled and motivated
3 professionals who dedicate their careers to helping people make
4 positive changes in their lives; and

5 WHEREAS, There are more than 640,000 trained social work
6 professionals in the United States and more than 12,000 in
7 Illinois who work tirelessly in private and public social
8 services agencies, hospitals, hospices, schools, universities,
9 legislatures, private practices, corporations, and the
10 military; and

11 WHEREAS, Social workers improve the fabric of society by
12 advocating for accessibility, equality, fairness, and care for
13 individuals and families who are the most vulnerable in
14 society; and

15 WHEREAS, Social workers help people explore new
16 opportunities in the face of serious life changes and
17 challenges; and

18 WHEREAS, The social work profession was established more
19 than 100 years ago to help Americans overcome poverty, illness,
20 addiction, abuse, discrimination, and other adversities to
21 reach their full potential; and

1 WHEREAS, The social work profession works to change systems
2 and customs that limit the ability of vulnerable individuals
3 and groups to lead fulfilling and productive lives; and

4 WHEREAS, Schools of social work train socially-conscious
5 people to make a real difference in the world through service
6 and leadership; and

7 WHEREAS, Social workers strengthen communities, expand
8 options, and work to facilitate humane changes in policies and
9 legislation that improve the lives of everyone; and

10 WHEREAS, Social workers begin each day believing they will
11 give an individual, a family, or a community renewed hope in
12 the future; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
14 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the month
15 of March as Social Work Month in the State of Illinois; and be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the National Association of Social
19 Workers-Illinois Chapter with our sincere appreciation for
20 their efforts.